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Errata

Page 25—District No. 3 should read: 10th Correction Line.

Page 29—In line 4, second paragraph, M. W. Bro. Tweed P. G. M. of Manitoba (omitted).

Page 31—2nd paragraph, 2nd line, read East for Seat.

Page 36—2nd paragraph, 3rd line, read Manitoba for Alberta.

Inaugural Proceedings

OF THE

M. W. Grand Lodge

of Alberta

A. F. and A. M.

Held at
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Preface

The inception of the Grand Lodge of Alberta may be considered as the natural result of Masonic expansion, and political or geographical necessity.

Previous to October, 1905, the Lodges of the "North-West Territories" of Canada were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and it is both pleasing, and worthy of the best traditions of our Royal Craft to be able to recognize that the formation of a separate Grand Lodge has been considered inevitable by the Mother Grand Lodge for several years past; and that the act of final separation has been, also, most regretfully, but kindly and fraternally assisted in every possible manner by the Grand Officers and members of Manitoba.

The political changes which culminated in the division of the old North-West Territories into the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan on the 1st of September, 1905, precipitated the division of the Manitoban Grand Lodge; for, though it was long considered by many brethren that the large number of Masonic Lodges in the Canadian "North-West," and their separation by hundreds of miles from the central authority necessitated a change, the spirit of loyalty was so strong that nothing short of absolute necessity could change it. "Provincial Autonomy" was expected in the

spring of the year, 1905, and accordingly the "Medicine Hat Lodge" (No. 31) took the initiative, as will be shown by a perusal of the following pages. It was at their request that Bow River Lodge, No. 28, (the oldest Lodge in Alberta), called a convention in Calgary on the 25th of May, 1905, the result being the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Alberta" on the 12th of October, 1905; when, out of the 18 Lodges within the political boundaries, no less than 17 Lodges were represented by 79 delegates, and the proposed change was unanimously adopted. No better exemplification of the beauties of Masonry can be adduced than the fact that W. G. Scott, Esq., the M. W. Grand Master of Manitoba, personally undertook the long journey to Calgary, in order to be present and invest the Grand Master of Alberta with authority over this Western Province of Canada, and, on behalf of the Mother Grand Lodge, to felicitate its offspring on arriving at maturity.

May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper the Grand Lodges of Manitoba and Alberta, henceforth and forever! So mote it be.

To the Brethren Where'er Scattered o'er Land or Sea!

Whereas, It has been made to appear by many Brethren of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the newly formed Province of Alberta, Canada, that it is most expedient, and desirable for the proper government of the Craft that a Grand Lodge of Masons shall be formed in the said Province of Alberta.

BE IT KNOWN, That at a convention held in the City of Calgary in the said Province on the 12th of October, Anno Lucis, 5905, in the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King Edward VII, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposition from the Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, A. F. and A. M., (Grand Register of Manitoba) with this object in view, it was unanimously enacted as follows:

Whereas, It is the unanimous opinion of the Masonic Lodges of Alberta that a Grand Lodge shall be formed for the said Province, it is hereby

RESOLVED, That the Delegates now assembled shall, and do hereby constitute themselves as a true and lawful Grand Lodge for the Province of Alberta, under the Ancient Landmarks existing from time immemorial, to which adhesion is hereby given !

The formation of the said Grand Lodge of Alberta being sanctioned by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under whose jurisdiction the said Lodges have been constituted.

History of the Formation of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

In a letter addressed to the Bow River Lodge at Calgary W. Bro. O. W. Kealy, W. M. wrote as follows on the 21st of March, 1905:

"I am writing unofficially to suggest your bringing before your Lodge the question of forming a Grand Lodge of Alberta. If it is desired that such a body obtain recognition from the Winnipeg Grand Lodge at their meeting in June, it will be understood that no time can be lost. Should the proposed formation be favorably considered by your members, I would suggest that a motion be passed to have Delegates meet in the middle or end of April with power to form a Grand Lodge of Alberta." (Extract.)

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Brethren of Calgary and elsewhere, and the circular letter of the 13th of May, 1905, was issued to every Lodge in that district likely to be included by the Dominion government in the proposed Province of Alberta.

Meanwhile, in a further letter, dated 2nd of May, 1905, W. Bro. O. W. Kealy, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, wrote R. W. Bro. G. Macdonald of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, detailing the steps proposed to be taken, as follows:

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31,
Medicine Hat, 2nd May, 1905.

G. MACDONALD, ESQ.
Bow River Lodge, No. 28.
Calgary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Relative to my unofficial letter of the 21st of March and to your communication of the 10th of April, our Lodge at its last meeting appointed a committee to deal with the question of forming a Grand Lodge as they thought best. The Committee has met and has resolved, after careful consideration, to request your Lodge, as senior Lodge in Alberta, to call a meeting of delegates in Calgary. We thought that Victoria Day would be a most suitable one for such a meeting, providing the brethren in Calgary can arrange accommodation; also that representation should be the same as in Manitoba, viz:—Master, Wardens, and Past Masters, with power to appoint proxies in cases where none of the first three can attend.

As I have been in communication with all the Masters of Lodges in Alberta regarding these matters, and have received most encouraging replies from, I think, all with the exception of two; would it not be as well if, when your Lodge writes, you so word your notice as to make it clear that there is no conflict between our two Lodges.

We would like to know whether our suggestion meets with your favorable consideration or not.

Yours fraternally,

O. W. KEALY, W. M.,
Secretary of Committee

Accordingly the Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin, as W. M. of the oldest Lodge in the prospective new Province of Alberta, issued the following circular:

TO THE SECRETARY,

. . . . . LODGE A. F. AND A. M.

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. . . . . .

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

It is proposed to hold a Convention representative of the Western Masonic Lodges, in Calgary, on Wednesday, May 24th, in the Masonic Hall, at 2 o'clock, for conference on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge, or Lodges, in the West in the near future.

The proposed representation for this Convention is the same as that at present in Manitoba, viz:- Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of each Lodge, with power to appoint proxies in cases where none of the first three can attend.

This notice is issued by me as W. M. of the senior Lodge in the West, at the request of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, and sufficient copies are enclosed in the hope that you will place one at once in the hands of each of those eligible to attend.

In such an important matter it appears expedient that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June next, the western delegates to that body should be, so far as possible, agreed: and for that agreement some definite ground of understanding should be arrived at.

If those representatives who can attend will notify, as soon as possible, the Secretary of Bow River Lodge, or myself, every endeavor will be made to secure hotel accommodation.

With the hope that the conference will be successful and that the G. A. O. T. U. will guide our deliberations as well to His Glory as to the benefit of the Craft in general.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

GEO. H. HOGBIN, W. M.
Bow River Lodge 28.

Geo. Macdonald, Sec.,
Calgary, May 13th, 1905.

In response to this invitation of the W. M. of "Bow River Lodge, No. 28," the following Lodges were represented at the Masonic Convention at Calgary on the 24th of May, 1905—W. Bro. Hogbin being Chairman, and R. W. Bro. G. Macdonald acting as Secretary:

No. 28, Bow River; No. 31, Medicine Hat; No. 37, MacLeod; No. 60, Calgary; No. 65, Lacombe; No. 66, Strathcona; No. 73, Red Deer; No. 78, Edmonton; No. 83, Wetaskiwin.

In accordance with a resolution made thereat, the following copy of the minutes of the Convention was printed, and a copy forwarded to each Lodge in the territory likely to be included in Alberta.

MINUTES OF A MASONIC CONVENTION.

A Convention representative of the Western Masonic Lodges was held in the Masonic Hall, Calgary, on Wednesday evening, 24th May at 8 o'clock, pursuant to notice of May 13th, calling said Convention.

The undermentioned Representatives were present and signed the register in the following order, viz.—

W. Bro.	G. H. Hogbin	W. M.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary
V. W. "	F. R. Exham	P.G.St.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary
"	A.Carson	P.J.W.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary
W. "	J.Cook	P. M.	Medicine Hat	No.31	Medicine Hat
"	J.H.Binns	J.W.	Medicine Hat	No.31	Medicine Hat
W. "	J.Hinchliffe	P.M.	Red Deer	No.73	Red Deer
"	J.H.Tranter	S.W.	Acacia	No.66	Strathcona
R.W. "	N.J.Lindsay	P.G.J.W.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary

R W.	Bro.	G.Macdonald P.D.D.G.M.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary
	"	W F.Brett J.W.	Eureka	No.65	Lacombe
	"	T.E.Carberry S.W.	Medicine Hat	No.31	Medicine Hat
W.	"	C.H.Stuart-Wade W.M.	Jasper	No.78	Edmonton
V.W.	"	H.S.McLeod G.St.	Bow River	No.28	Calgary
W.	"	O.W.Kealy W. M.	Medicine Hat	No.31	Medicine Hat
R.W.	"	R.Patterson P.D.D.G.M.	Alberta	No.37	Macleod
"	"	J H.Tomlinson W.M.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary
	"	J.G.Douglas J.W.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary
	"	S.J.Blair S.W.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary
	"	C.G.Austin S.W.	Wetaskiwin	No.83	Wetaskiwin
	"	W.C.Armstrong M.M.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary*
W	"	W.T.Finlay P.M.	Medicine Hat	No 31	Medicine Hat
"	"	H.C.Wingate S.W.	Nanton	U.D.	Nanton
R.W.	"	G.H.Webster P.G.R.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary
"	"	H.E.Gillis P. D.G.M.		(G.L.	Nova Scotia)*
R.W.	"	T.F.English P.D.D.G.M.	Acacia	No.66	Strathcona
W	"	Wm.Adeit P.M.	Medicine Hat	No.31	Medicine Hat
"	"	A.Allen P.M.	Perfection	No,60	Calgary
"	"	J.J.Macdonald P.M.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary
	"	R.H.Finch M.M.	Perfection	No.60	Calgary *

* Present, but no vote.

The Convention was called to order by W. Bro. Hogbin and proceeded to elect its Chairman and Secretary:

W. Bro. Hogbin was elected Chairman, and R. W. Bro. Macdonald, Secretary of the Convention.

The purpose of the Convention, and the proceedings leading to its being called were explained by W. Bros. Hogbin and Kealy.

It was moved by W. Bro. Kealy, seconded by W. Bro. Cook: -

"That it is the opinion of the Delegates that the time has arrived for the formation of a Grand Lodge of Alberta."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. Patterson and W. Bro. Finlay :—

"That we proceed to form a Grand Lodge as soon as possible after July 1st, 1905."

After prolonged and thorough discussion, the amendment was carried.

It was unanimously resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. Lindsay and Bro. Stuart-Wade:—

"That the following be sent to all the Lodges in the district of Alberta:—

"We, the undersigned Freemasons in good standing, do hereby request all the Masonic Lodges in Alberta to be duly represented at a Convention to be held at the Masonic Hall, Calgary, on July 6th next at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the condition of Freemasonry in the West, and for the formation of a Grand Lodge for Alberta. The representation to be the same as that of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Signed as per register (see above).

It was unanimously resolved on motion of W. Bro. Kealy and W. Hinchliffe:—

"That a committee of three Past Masters be appointed at this convention, to enquire into the mode of procedure when forming a Grand Lodge; to obtain full statistics as to Lodges and Membership in the proposed Province of Alberta; to make as definite an estimate as possible of the expenses likely to be incurred in forming and running a Grand Lodge; to recommend how the funds shall be raised; and to report at the Convention on July 6th, next"

On above Committee of three the Convention unanimously selected R. W. Bro. Lindsay, R. W. Bro. Brown and M. W. Bro. Tweed.
It was moved by R. W. Bro. Webster and W. Bro. Cook and carried:—

"That the Secretary communicate the proceedings of this Convention to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and to each Lodge in Alberta."

The Convention then adjourned until July 6th.

G. H. Hogbin
Chairman.

G. Macdonald
Secretary of Convention.

The Convention was then declared adjourned till 6 July, 1905.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Convention subsequently issued the following explanatory letter to all Lodges:

Calgary, Alberta,
May 25, 1905.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In accordance with a resolution passed yesterday, during the Masonic Convention held in the Masonic Hall, Calgary, I am enclosing a copy of the proceedings, and resolutions for your information.

It might be well to recall the circumstances which led to the Convention.

In April W. Brother Kealy, Master of Medicine Hat Lodge, wrote to all the Masters of Masonic Lodges in the proposed new Province of Alberta, requesting each to bring before his Lodge the question of the formation of a Grand Lodge for Alberta, and to ascertain the feeling of the members in the matter. From all but two or three he received enthusiastic and favourable replies.

The reply from Bow River Lodge contained a suggestion that a convention should be held of all western delegations at Medicine Hat, on the Monday preceding the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in Winnipeg. This suggestion was not accepted.

Medicine Hat Lodge appointed a committee to deal with the matter, and that committee requested W. Bro. Hogbin, as Master of the senior Masonic Lodge in Alberta (Bow River, No. 28), to call a convention in Calgary on Victoria Day.

The request was acceded to, and on May 13th W. Bro. Hogbin issued invitations for a Convention to be held as proposed, and the result is herewith enclosed for your earnest fraternal consideration.

Yours Fraternally,

Geo. Macdonald,
Sec. of Convention.

Geo. H. Hogbin,
Chairman of Convention.

To . . . . . .

At the foregoing Convention, it being expected that Provincial Status would be given by the Federal government on the 1st of July, the date appointed for the adjourned Convention was July 6th, but the Autonomy Bill not being carried through by that date, a number of Lodges did not send their representatives, as shown by the minutes following:

MINUTES OF THE

ADJOURNED MASONIC CONVENTION

HELD IN CALGARY, JULY 6TH, 1905.

The Convention met as called, in the Masonic Hall, at 2, p. m. with R. W. Bro. Brown in the chair, R. W. Bro. G. Macdonald as Secretary.

As there was not a majority of the lodges in the proposed new Province present it was proposed by R. W. Bro. Hogbin, seconded by W. Bro. Kealy and carried, that the meeting adjourn until 8 p. m.

On re-assembling at 8 20 p. m. with R. W. Bro. Hogbin in the chair, the meeting was addressed at some length by M. W. Bro. Tweed on several matters in connection with the formation of Grand Lodges.

The roll of Lodges was then called and only eight responded. This being short of a majority of Lodges it was moved by M. W. Bro. Tweed seconded by R. W. Bro. Macdonald:—

"That, as we have not a majority of Lodges represented here, this "meeting do now adjourn, to reassemble at the call of the Chair, "which meeting shall take place not less then one month after the "formation and establishment of the Province of Alberta. All "lodges to be given good and ample notice, and requested to make "such provision as will ensure all the lodges being represented "either personally or by proxy."

Carried.

Those present then dispersed after considerable informal discussion.

G. H. Hogbin
Chairman.

G. Macdonald
Sec.

The following notification was issued to all Lodges by R. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin on the 12th of Aug., 1905, calling attention to the proposed formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on the 12th of Oct., 1905, and urging every Lodge to be represented at Calgary on that date:

I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.

Calgary, Alta.
Aug. 12th, 1905.

Dear Sir and Bro.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Masonic Convention held here on July 6th last, I nave the honour to notify you that the Convention will meet on Thursday, October 12th, 1905, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of establishing and forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Alberta.

In a matter of such importance to the western Masonic Lodges it is of the greatest moment that every lodge should, if at all possible, be represented; and that any action taken should be, as nearly as possible, unanimous.

It has been suggested therefore that the Master of your Lodge should bring this meeting and its purpose before the consideration of your members, even going so far as to insert a paragraph relating to the matter in the notice of your September monthly meeting, if deemed advisable.

The accepted official representation at the Convention is the same as that at our present Grand Lodge, viz:—Master, Wardens, and Past Masters, and it is further suggested that if neither the Master nor Wardens of your Lodge can attend, the Lodge should elect and appoint some duly qualified and accredited representative to attend on its behalf, and that such proxy should be instructed how to act and vote.

Hoping we shall have a full attendance.

Believe me
Yours Fraternally
Geo. H. Hogbin,
W. M. Bow River, 28,
Chairman.

To . . . . . .

The Convention resumed labor on the 12th of October, 1905, when the following Representatives of the various Lodges were present:

Lodge	W. M.	S. W.	J. W.	Past Masters
Bow River No. 28, Calgary	G. H. Hogbin	Proxy	W. Heard	W. L. Bernard, E. N. Brown, J. Hogbin, F. K. Exham, N. J. Lindsay, G. Murdock, G. Macdonald, H. S. Macleod, A. W. R. Markley
Medicine Hat No. 31	O. W. Kealy	Proxy	J. H. Binns	W. N. Adsit, C. E. Smythe
Alberta No. 37, Macleod	Proxy	Proxy	Proxy	C. W. E. Gardiner, R. Patterson
North Star No. 41, Lethbridge	J. S. Chivers	"	"	J. H. Fleetwood, H. Scott
Cascade No. 42, Banff	Proxy	"	"	. . . . .
Spitzie No. 45, Pincher Creek		No represen	lation	. . . . .
Edmonton No. 53	J. W. Morris	Proxy	Proxy	E. A. Braithwaite, H. C. Taylor
Innisfail No. 58	Proxy	J. J. Brewster	"	. . . . .
Perfection No. 60, Calgary	J.H. Tomlinson	S. J. Blair	J. G. Douglas	G. May, C. P. Marker, J. T. Macdonald, I. S. G. Van Wart
Eureka No. 65, Lacombe	Proxy	Proxy	Proxy	. . . . .
Acacia No. 66, Strathcona	"	"	S. H. Sommersalt	F. T. English, W. MacLaren
Red Deer No. 73	"	"	Proxy	Rev. J. Hinchliffe
Victoria No. 76, Ft. Saskatchewan	"	"	"	. . . . .
Jasper No. 78, Edmonton	"	"	"	J. J. Dunlop, G. H. Graydon, C. H. Stuart-Wade
Wetaskiwin No. 83	"	"	"	. . . . .
Mountain View No. 85, Olds	"	"	"	A. M. Kay
Nanton No. 97	G. F. Hanna	H. C. Wingate	A. B. Anderson	. . . . .
Britannia No. 98, Ponoka	C. M. Campbell	"	Proxy	. . . . .

Master Masons in good standing were permitted to be present, and a large number availed themselves of the opportunty to attend this Convention.

A very agreeable surprise was prepared for the Worshipful Brethren and others attending the Convention by reason of the elaborate investigations, and the careful preparations to expedite the business, made before the meeting, by the Committee appointed at the Convention on the 24th of May, 1905. This committee, consisting of R. W. Bro. Lindsay, R. W. Bro. Brown and M. W. Bro. Tweed, submitted their suggestions in the form of a report, which, meeting with general approval, enabled the proceedings to be materially shortened and the business conducted with decorum, and in Masonic form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

We the undersigned Committee appointed by the Convention held in Calgary on the 24th of May 1905, to report to this meeting on the mode of procedure to be observed in the formation of a Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.; to obtain information regarding the number of members in the jurisdiction, the possible revenue, and the expenditure necessary to be incurred in forming and maintaining a Grand Lodge: beg to report as follows. First as to procedure: after a careful study of the subject we recommend the following course:—

Due notice of the Convention called for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge must be sent to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction in sufficient time to enable the question to be brought before the Lodge, either at its regular communication or at an emergent meeting duly called for the purpose of considering it.

The Convention, when assembled, will proceed to elect a Chairman and Secretary, and appoint a Committee on Credentials.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 To consider the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge; and if approved by a majority of Lodges in the Province to proceed with its organization.

A majority of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction should concur in the formation of Grand Lodge. The vote on such formation to be taken by Lodges, each Lodge being entitled to one vote which vote must represent the wish of the members of the Lodge.

All other questions, before the Convention will be governed by the Constitution, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under which the Lodges have hitherto worked

2 To choose a name for the Grand Lodge.

3 To adopt a Constitution, provisionally.

4 To appoint Scrutineers for the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

5 Election of Officers.

6 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

7 Proclamation of the Grand Lodge with Grand honors.

8 To adopt a seal for the Grand Lodge.

9 To appoint a Committee to issue circulars to all Sister Grand Lodges asking for recognition.

10 To appoint a Committee to revise the constitution.

11 To arrange to have all Charters of Subordinate Lodges called in to be endorsed and renumbered by the Grand Lodge.

12 To pass a resolution that members of the new Grand Lodge retain the same rank as held in former Grand Lodge.

13 To adopt some means of raising funds to aid in the Organization of the Grand Lodge.

14 To make such arrangements with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as may be necessary for the equitable transfer of such moneys as may be found due this Grand Lodge.

15 To arrange for making application to the Legislature for incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

N. J. Lindsay
Thos. Tweed } Commitee.
E. Nelson Brown

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A

Meeting of Representatives of the Masonic Lodges of the Province of Alberta

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A

Grand Lodge of Alberta

— ON —

12th October, A. D. 1905

A. L. 5905.

The convention was called to order at 14.15 o'clock R. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (28) presiding, and R. W. Bro. G. Macdonald (28) secretary.

The chairman appointed W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (31) and W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (60) a committee on credentials who reported as follows, viz: of 18 lodges in the Province, 17 were then represented, namely.

Bow River 28 with	11 votes
Medicine Hat 31	5
Alberta 37	5
North Star 41	5
Cascade 42	3
Edmonton 53	4
Innisfail 58	3
Perfection 60	8
Eureka 65	3

Acacia 66	5 votes
Red Deer 73	4
Victoria 76	3
Jasper 78	7
Wetaskiwin 83	3
Mountain View 85	4
Nanton 97	3
Britannia 98	3
Total	79 votes

Moved by W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (31), seconded by W. Bro. C. E. Smyth (31) and RESOLVED "That Report of "Credentials Committee" be received and adopted."

The Chairman appointed Bro. Blair (60) and Bro. Douglas (60) to act as Stewards.

M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was present, being seated at the right of the presiding officer.

It was moved W. Bro. C. H. Stuart-Wade (78), seconded by Bro. J. H. Binns (31) and resolved, "that as all the lodges have been furnished with the minutes of previous meetings, they be now taken as read." Carried.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (28), seconded by W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe (73) that "WHEREAS the majority of the Lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in that part of the North West Territories, hereinafter called the Province of Alberta, are represented at this Convention either as Delegates personally present, or by proxy;

AND WHEREAS the said Lodges having carefully considered the state of Free-Masonry in the Province of Alberta,

are of the opinion that the cause of Free-Masonry can be best advanced by the formation of a Grand Lodge in the said Province.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we do now proceed, and do Hereby Constitute a Grand Lodge under the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Masonry, in and for the Province of Alberta." Carried by acclamation.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. M. Kay (85), seconded by Bro. J. I. Brewster (58) and RESOLVED "that the TITLE of this Grand Lodge shall be:—THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS."

It was moved by W. Bro. G. F. Hanna (97), seconded by Bro. A. B. Anderson (97) and RESOLVED "That the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba be adopted provisionally, for use by the most worshipful the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with such amendments as the change of jurisdiction necessitates."

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (78), seconded by W. Bro. C. M. Campbell 98) and RESOLVED "That three scrutineers be appointed by the chairman for the Election of Grand Lodge Officers."

The Chairman, as acting Grand Master, appointed W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (31) acting Grand Senior Warden and W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner (37) acting Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of Manitoba, having previously retired, was now announced as in waiting, and was introduced into the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and received with the Grand Honors due his Exalted Rank.

PROCLAMATION

WAS THEN MADE BY THE GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

In the Name, and by the Authority of the "Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Masonry" and the proceedings of a Convention duly called in accordance with the same I now proclaim this Grand Lodge by the name of "The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," duly formed and constituted.

THE GRAND HONORS WERE THEN GIVEN.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. S. Chivers (41), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Fleetweed (41) and RESOLVED "That the Grand Lodge do now proceed with the Election of Officers to hold office until their successors are duly elected, invested, and installed in their stead. Carried nem. con.

The acting Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers W. Bro. C. Stuart-Wade (78), W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe (73) and R. W. Bro. R. Paterson (37), when the Election proceeded with the following results :—

R. W. Bro. Dr. George Macdonald (28) . . . Grand Master
" " " H. C. Taylor (53) . . . . Deputy Grand Master
" " " T. F. English (66) . . . . Senior Grand Warden
" " " O. W. Kealy (31) . . . . Junior Grand Warden
" " " E. N. Brown (28) . . . . . Grand Treasurer
" " " J. J. Dunlop (78) . . . . . Grand Secretary
" " " J. Hinchliffe (73) . . . . . Grand Registrar
" " " Rev. J. S. Chivers (41) . . . . Grand Chaplain

And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. J. Finch (60) Grand Tyler.

It was moved by R. W .Bro. N. J. Lindsay (28), seconded by W. Bro. W. L. Bernard (28) and RESOLVED "That we request M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of Manitoba, to install the officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at 21 o'clock."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 18 o'clock until 19 30 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 19 30 o'clock.

Moved by R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (28) "THAT this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction be divided into 3 districts as follows:—

District No. 1. Calgary District.—All of that portion of Alberta lying between the 5th and 10th Correction Lines.

District No. 2. Medicine Hat.—All of that portion of Alberta South of the 5th Correction Line.

District No. 3. Edmonton District.—All that portion of Alberta North of the Correction Line.

Moved in amendment by W. Bro. W. L. Bernard (28), seconded by W. Bro. J. S. Chivers, "that there be 4 Districts."

Amendment lost and motion carried.

The following brethren were elected by the representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:—

W. Bro. John T. Macdonald (60)	First Masonic District
" " C. E. Smyth (31)	Second " "
" " A. R. Dickson (83)	Third " "

Moved by R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (28) and RESOLVED, "That the

elective members of the Board of General Purposes be half that of Manitoba, namely 8; and that the number of Grand Stewards be 4.

Moved by R. W. E. N. Brown (28) and seconded by W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (60) and RESOLVED "That the first four elected serve for two years, and remainder for one year.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes:—

R. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (28)
R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (28)
W. Bro. J. C. Kemmis (45)
W. Bro. J. W. Morris (53)
} for two years.

R. W. Bro. M. J. Macleod (65)
W. Bro. Hugh Scott (41)
W. Bro. R. Patterson (37)
} for one year.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (53), seconded by W. Bro. J. S. Chivers (41) and RESOLVED "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services."

Suitable replies were made by W. Bro. C. H. Stuart-Wade, W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe and W Bro. Patterson (Scrutineers), who heartily congratulated the Fraternity of Western Canada on attaining to the dignity of a Province and the formation of a Masonic Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Procedure (from Convention) recommending that a Committee be appointed to arrange for recognition by the sister Grand Lodges of this, "The Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta." It was Resolved on the motion of R. W. Bro. Taylor (53) and W. Bro. J. T. Mac-

donald (60). That the Grand Master Elect be requested to name above committee. The Right Worshipful the G. M. Elect accordingly named the following brethren to serve on the committee, viz:—

M. W. Bro. Braithwaite (53), R. W. J. J. Dunlop (78) and R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28).

R. W. Bro. G. Macdonald, Grand Master Elect, notified the Secretary of the following appointments:—

R. W. Bro. M. J. Macleod—65 . . . . . Grand Senior Deacon
" " " R. Patterson—37 . . . . . " Junior "
V. " " C. H. S. Wade—78 . . Grand Director of Ceremonies
" " " G. Murdock—28 . . . . . .Grand Organist
" " H. W. Evans—42 . . . . . Grand Steward
" " S. J. Currie—58 . . . . . Grand Steward
" " F. J. Bennett—76 . . . . . Grand Steward
" " A. M. Kay—85 . . . . . Grand Steward
R. " " Rev. H. Hogbin—28 . . . . . .Pursuivant

Most Worshipful Brother W. G. Scott, Grand Master of Manitoba, then assumed the chair, the Grand Lodge being in *ample* form, and assisted by Most Worshipful Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, proceeded with the installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Alberta and the Grand Officers thereof, as follows:—

GRAND OFFICERS—1905-6.

		P. O. ADDRESS	
M.W. Bro.	Geo. Macdonald	Calgary	Grand Master
R.W. "	H.C.Taylor	Edmonton	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	T. F.English	Calgary	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. "	O.W.Kealy	Medicine Hat	Grand Junior Warden
R W. "	J.T.Macdonald No. 1 Dist.	Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R.W. "	C.E.Smyth No. 2	Medicine Hat	D.D.G.M.
R.W. "	A.R.Dickson No. 3	Wetaskiwin	D.D.G.M.
R.W. "	E.V.Brown	Calgary	Grand Treasurer
R.W. "	J.J.Dunlop	Edmonton	Grand Secretary
R.W. "	Rev. J.Hinchliffe	Red Deer	Grand Registrar
R.W. "	" J.S.Chivers	Lethbridge	Grand Chaplain
R.W. "	M J.Macleod	Lacombe	Grand Senior Deacon
R.W. "	R.Patterson	Macleod	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. "	C. H. Stuart-Wade	Edmonton	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. "	G.Murdoch	Calgary	Grand Organist
V.W. "	H.W.Evans	Banff	Grand Steward
V.W. "	S.J.Currie	Innisfail	Grand Steward
V.W. "	F.G.Bennett	Ft. Saskatchewan	Grand Steward
V.W. "	A.M.Kay	Olds	Grand Steward
R.W. "	Rev G.H.Hogbin	Calgary	Grand Pursuivant
"	J.Finch	Calgary	Grand Tyler

Proclamation of the Grand Master and Grand Officers was then made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies in Ancient Form.

M. W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald Grand Master of Alberta then rose to thank the delegates to Grand Lodge for for the great honor they had conferred by electing him as First Grand Master of the Craft in this Province. He also thanked the M. W. G. M. of Manitoba and the brethren of the Mother Grand Lodge for their fraternal support and presence at this Inauguration meeting. Having briefly, but most emphatically, reminded the delegates present of the increased responsibilities assumed by them, individually and collectively, he congratulated the Fraternity on arriving at another epoch in the annals of Freemasonry. The Grand Master and Grand Officers were then accorded the Masonic honors due to their respective rank.

A Resolution was then moved by V. W. Bro. C. H. Stuart-Wade and R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchliffe to confer the rank of Past Grand Masters upon M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of Manitoba, and M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite P. G. M. of Manitoba, in this jurisdiction.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Grand Master Scott in returning thanks desired to defer his speech till later on, as the hour was getting late, and would only express the great pleasure it gave him to be present and assist officially at the institution of this the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Past Grand Master Braithwaite, in his reply said, whilst appreciating the honor conferred upon him by this Grand Lodge, he would continue in the future, as in the past, to work for the best interests of the craft in general, with a warm spot for this Grand Lodge in particular.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Hinchliffe and M. W. Bro. Braithwaite moved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due, and is hereby tendered to the Committee of Brethren having charge

of the arrangements for this the initial meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Carried.

Moved by W. Bro. H. S. Macleod and R. W. Bro. Macdonald, and resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin, Worshipful Master of Bow River Lodge, for his untiring services in promoting the success of this meeting.

On the motion of R. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, seconded by W. Bro. Geo Graydon it was resolved; That labor be now suspended in this Grand Lodge until 9.45 a. m. to-morrow, 13th October, 1905.

The Grand Lodge was accordingly called from labor to refreshment at 10 p. m. and the Delegates and visitors present were invited to adjourn to the Grand Union Hotel, where a banquet was tendered to them as the guests of Bow River Lodge No. 26, and Perfection Lodge No. 60.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta resumed labor on Friday, 13th October, A. L. 5906, at 9.45 a. m. in the Masonic Hall, Calgary.

R. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, in the Grand Seat. The Most Worshipful Bro. G. Macdonald, Grand Master of Alberta, assumed the chair at 10.45 a. m., when the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

PRESENT

The Grand Officers, members of Grand Lodge, and Representatives, as per register.

The M.W. Grand Master read the following telegram from Past Grand Master Thomas Robinson, of Manitoba:

Winnipeg, Man.,
Oct. 13, 1905.

DR. MACDONALD,
Grand Master Masonic G. L. of Alberta,
Calgary.

Hearty good wishes and congratulations. I wish your Grand Lodge God speed in its noble work, and may it ever be the brightest of beacons in the Grand Fraternity of Masonic Grand Lodges.

THOMAS ROBINSON.

The following reply was sent to M. W. Thomas Robinson:

PAST GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,
Winnipeg.

Hearty thanks for your good wishes. The Grand Lodge of Alberta deeply appreciate your kindly greetings.

GEO. MACDONALD,
Grand Master of Alberta.

The routine business of Grand Lodge was then proceeded with, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay and R. W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown that the following amendments be made to the Constitution:

(The suggested alterations were the results of the researches entered into by the Committee appointed at the first Convention).

R. W. Bro. T. F. English and V. W. Bro. C. H. Stuart-Wade moved that the report of the Committee containing the proposed alterations be considered clause by clause. Carried.

On behalf of the Committee, the clauses were then dealt with as follows :

Moved by R. W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, and seconded by R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown, that the following be substituted for Clauses 1 and 2:

The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." Carried.

The following is hereby accepted as the Seal of this Grand Lodge. The Seal to be the same as that of the G. L. of Manitoba, with three crowns substituted in space at the

left hand corner where a Buffalo is represented, and that the date of incorporation be put in. Carried.

That the following be substituted for Clause 7:

The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic power and authority in this Province, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—legislative, executive, and judicial—limited only by the Ancient Landmarks of the Order and the provisions of its own constitution and regulations. Carried.

Moved.—That clause 11 be altered by striking out the "second Wednesday of the month of June in the City of Winnipeg," and substituting therefor "the last Thursday of the month of July in the City of Calgary."

Moved by V. W. Bro. Stuart-Wade and R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald as an amendment: That the annual Communication be held on the third Tuesday in September of each year.

A further amendment was moved and adopted: That the annual Communication be held on the third Tuesday in February of each year.

That clause 53 be altered by striking out the words "31st day of March" where they appear in the 4th sub-section thereof and substituting therefor the words "24th of June;" by striking out the words "15th of May" in the said sub-section and substituting the words "8th of July"; by striking out the words, "30th day of April and 15th of May" where they occur in sub-section 5 of the said clause and substituting the words "24th day of June" and "15th day of July" respectively.

Moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe and R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald:—That the 27th day of December be substituted for 31st of March and the 15th day of January for the 15th of May. Amendment adopted.

Moved.—That clause 57 be altered by striking out the words "City of Winnipeg" and "Grand Lodge of Manitoba" and substituting therefor the "City of Calgary" and "Grand Lodge of Alberta." Carried.

Moved.—That clause 67 be struck out and the following be substituted: The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar and 8 others, elected by the Grand Lodge each year, who must be either Masters or Past Masters of private Lodges and members of Grand Lodge. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Moved as an amendment by R. W. Bro. O. W. Kealy and R. W. Bro. Patterson:—That the words "Retiring members are eligible for re-lection" be omitted, and that the following be added instead thereof, "The four retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election until the year succeeding the one on which they retire." Amendment carried.

That sub-section 5 of such clause be struck out and the following be substituted:—"That the regular meetings of the Board shall be held the day before the annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Carried.

That sub-section 6 of said clause be altered as follows:—"The Board may be convened at any other time by order of the "Grand Master or the President of the Board." Carried.

That Sub-Section 8 of such clause be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"It shall be the duty of the Board to issue such certificates as may be required by any act of incorporation hereafter passed by any legislative body having jurisdiction over the Grand Lodge." Carried.

That Clause 76 be altered by striking out the words "31st day of March," and substituting therefor the words "27th day of December." Carried.

That Section 91 (on p. 63) be amended by striking out the proviso thereto. Carried.

That the 3rd Sub-section of Clause 170 be amended by substituting "8th" instead of "15th" in both dates mentioned. Carried.

That the 4th Sub-section of Clause 170 be amended by striking out the words "Manitoba and the Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan" and substituting the word "Alberta."

Amendment moved by R. W. Bro. Kealy and R. W. Bro. Patterson, That Sub-section 4 of Clause 170 be struck out entirely. Carried.

That the Appendix be amended by striking out the letters "G. R. M." wherever they occur, and substituting the letters "G. R. A." and by striking out the word "Alberta" wherever required. Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Lindsay seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald and Resolved: That a Committee be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to assist the the Grand Master and Grand Secretary in revising the Constitution and to report at the next Annual Convention of Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with motion passed, the Grand Master subsequently appointed the following Brethren a committee to revise the Constitution, as provisionally adopted :—

R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28)
" " " H. C. Taylor (53)
" " " T. F. English (67)
" " " O. W. Kealy (31)
M. " " E. A. Braithwaite (53)
R. " " J. T. Macdonald (60)

Moved by R. W. Bro. Kealy and W. Bro. Douglas and adopted :—That a Dispensation be issued to all lodges within the jurisdiction empowering them to continue work under their present Charter until new ones can be issued.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Lindsay and R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald and adopted:—That a special fee of 50 cents per capita be levied on all Subordinate lodges to defray the expenses incurred in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Hogbin and R. W. Bro. Graham -- That when this Grand Lodge is in a position to issue Charters to the Lodges under its jurisdiction, the numbers given to the Lodges shall correspond in order of sequence to those by which they are at present designated. Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald and W. Bro. Wilson Brown:—That the Grand Lodge purchase Regalia for the M. W. G. M. and the R. W. D. G. forthwith, and that two complete sets or regalia for two Grand Officers be purchased each year until all the officers are supplied. Carried.

The Grand Secretary then read an application from a number of brethren in good standing at High River asking for the grant of a Dispensation under this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge should select the name of such lodge in the event of their Petition being granted.

It was moved and adopted:—That the new lodge be given the name of "The Corner Stone" upon a Dispensation being issued by the M. W. G. M.

A motion was made by R. W. Bro. Hogbin and R. W. Bro. Graham :—That the clause of the Constitution requiring the selection of the next place of meeting previous to the election of Grand Officers be waived on this occasion. Carried.

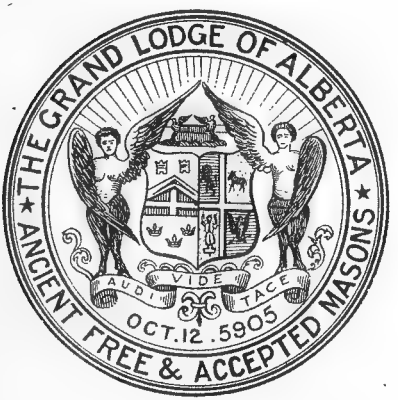
Moved by R. W. Bro. O. W. Kealy seconded by W. Bro. C. Gardiner and adopted:—That the next Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at Medicine Hat.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Braithwaite P. G. M. and R. W. Bro. Taylor D. G. M. :—That the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, be sent the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the presence of their Most Worshipful Grand Master. Carried by acclamation.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA CLOSED.

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended the Inaugural Communication was closed in *ample* form, and with Masonic prayer.

ATTEST :



J. J. Dunlop,
Grand Secretary.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

GRAND REGISTER OF ALBERTA.

Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist; all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE	FORMER NO.	TOWN	W. M.	SECRETARY	TIME OF REGULAR MEETING
1	Bow River	28	Calgary	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	G. Macdonald	Second Monday in each month
2	Medicine Hat	31	Medicine Hat	O. W. Kealey	H. W. Ireland	Tuesday on or before full moon
3	Alberta	37	Macleod	T. Andrews	G. F. Beere	Wednesday on or before full moon
4	North Star*	41	Lethbridge	Rev. J. S. Chivers	Alf. G. Needham	Second Monday in each month
5	Cascade	42	Banff	H. E. Evans	A. N. Saddington	Thursday on or before full moon
6	Spitzie	45	Pincher Creek	H. J. Smith	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon
7	Edmonton	53	Edmonton	J. W. Morris	A. R. Duncan	Third Thursday in each month
8	Innisfail	58	Innisfail	W. R. Wilson	S. J. Curry	Third Thursday in each month
9	Perfection	60	Calgary	J. H. Tomlinson	W. C. Armstrong	Third Tuesday in each month
10	Eureka	65	Lacombe	N. E. Carruthers	W. Ritson	First Wednesday in each month
11	Acacia	66	Strathcona	Rev. W. R. George	A. Murphy	First Monday in each month
12	Red Deer	73	Red Deer	H. H. Gaetz	W. E. Payne	Second Tuesday in each month
13	Victoria	76	Ft. Saskatchewan	A. K. Dewar	A. M. Sutherland	Tuesday on or before full moon
14	Jasper*	78	Edmonton	C. May	W. Rea	Second Monday in each month
15	Wetaskiwin	83	Wetaskiwin	G. McManus	P. H. Thibaudeau	Thursday on or before full moon
16	Mountain View	85	Olds	C. A. West	A. Code	Tuesday on or before full moon
17	Nanton	97	Nanton	G. F. Hanna	W. C. Stirling	Fourth Tuesday in each month
18	Britannia	98	Ponoka	C. M. Campbell	I. J. West	First Thurdsay in each month

MASONIC JURISDICTION

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

D. D. G. M.	LODGES	
First Masonic District R. W. Bro. J.T. Macdonald (Calgary)	Bow River No.1 Innisfail No.8 Red Deer No. 12	Cascade No.5 Perfection No.9 Mountain View No.16
Second Masonic District R.W.Bro. C.E.Smyth . . (Medicine Hat)	Medicine Hat No.2 North Star No.4 Nanton No.17	Alberta No.3 Spitzie No.6
Third Masonic District R.W. Bro.A.R. Dickson . (Wetaskiwin)	Edmonton No.7 Acacia No.11 Jasper No.14 Britannia No.18	Eureka No.10 Victoria No.13 Wetaskiwin No.15

GEORGE MACDONALD

Grand Master